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25 March 1958

MEMORANDUM

TO : [REDACTED]  
ATTN : [REDACTED]  
FROM : [REDACTED] 25X1A9a  
SUBJECT : Agricultural matters.

REFERENCE: Fran. Memo. No. 408, 11 February 1958.

The number of questions posed in reference memo dictates a series of replies. This response deals only with your and our immediate needs.

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1. We will try and make the desired contribution to your meeting [REDACTED] but we need to know two additional things. What will be the scope of your meeting on agriculture, eg., what areas are you going to cover, and when is your proposed meeting? Our schedule called for the inclusion of 1957 estimates in an NIE on Communist China already completed, USIA data is to be included in a soon to be published (end March 1958) report, and estimates on Eastern Europe are scheduled for completion by 4 April 1958. We thus plan to pouch you the requested data on 1957 production [REDACTED] by about 15 April 1958. Will this be satisfactory?

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2. We are happy you called our attention to the Oversight of 30 October 1958 since OPR does not get it. We have, however, completed an agreement with OCR, to make pertinent copies available to us.

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3. We are attaching copies of the comments on the China part of the [REDACTED] paper per your request. Copies of the entire evaluation have been completed, and sent to the DDP in the form of an evaluation, per their request.

4. We were pleased with [REDACTED] memo on the external research program.

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5. We are attaching a copy of the information desired on the Rumanian Ministry of Agriculture. We would appreciate your comments on the value of this OCP endeavor.

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6. We have a scheduled NIS Section 61, East German Agriculture scheduled for completion in April 1959. It will contain a section on Procurement and Purchase procedures of the DDR. Our schedule does not permit us to tackle the problem before that time or with any greater detail. If the DDP, however, needs such a specialized report, a detailed outline drawn up by you, forwarded through DDP channels to OHR, might enable us to make such a contribution some time in the second quarter of 1959. It should reach us as a specific request for support from Chief RE/DDP or something like that.

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7. [REDACTED] reports mentioned in your last sentence have not been made available to OHR. We glanced at them hurriedly in DDP Reports and are not excited about them. We will have more on them if and when they reach us in final form.

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8. To date we have not received any published [REDACTED] reports and have not yet evaluated the other defector's reports. We will probably have detailed comments on their effort at a later date. In general, they seem very meaty, thought stimulating, and useful. Requirements [REDACTED] were submitted through St/I/R to DDC, 5 February 1958.

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9. We have noticed that Dr. Bruno Gleitze has written another book entitled "Ostdeutsche Wirtschaft" for the D.I.W. We feel it might be helpful for the East German NIS Section 61K due this fall and would appreciate your obtaining a copy for us.

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10. We want to thank [REDACTED] for the cards on [REDACTED] 25X1A6a  
How long a period of time was covered by the cards? Were they a months or a years take? They are now being studied by FID and we will have a reply on this matter early next month. Please take no further action until then.

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Attachments:

- A. Rumanian personalities in Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.
- B. Communist China grain harvest.

ORR/M/AG: [REDACTED] /mwc

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